



February 14, 2022

City of Ottawa
110 Laurier Avenue West
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Attention: City of Ottawa
Mr. Dan Chenier, cc Derrick Moodie, cc Amanda Farias
Re: Trucker Convoy at 300 Coventry Road

Dear Mr. Chenier,

Further to our recent communication, I wish to confirm the following. On January 27 the City of Ottawa approached the Ottawa Titans Baseball Club requesting permission to use our parking lot for “Police Staging” for the weekend, in preparation for the ‘Freedom Convoy’ arrival. The understood intent was to provide space for police as they prepared to manage traffic flow in the downtown area. There was never any discussion of welcoming trucks to the space, nor any permissions for overnight stay or long-term use for any vehicles.

These truckers quickly took over the parking lot. We have seen limited policing. Rather, we have witnessed open fires, food and fuel storage, plus constant traffic and noise. We are now 17 days since the initial request and 14 days past the intended exit date, yet an encampment remains present with no known intent to depart.

We and our neighbour hotels the Courtyard Marriott and Hampton Inn have suffered negative public and social media scrutiny for our perceived involvement, in this unlawful event.

Our staff have been intimidated and barred from exiting our own parking lot and have been subjected to loud horns making it impossible to work. Some staff have felt threatened by the demonstrators. It is unsafe to work on-site, customers are unwilling to visit us at our premises. The lawless activity is compromising our ability to conduct our business. Our neighbouring businesses are also suffering and feeling similar impacts. The hotel has endured added security costs for staff and guests, simply to enter and exit their facility. Other businesses and residential neighbours are victims too.

The City’s lack of ownership for permitting and not policing this encampment has sadly allowed the general public to link our Ottawa Titans Baseball Club to this event and we are paying the price, both emotionally and financially. Lost sponsorships, lost ticket sales and most importantly the lost goodwill with citizens and neighbours are likely to cause long term damages to our image and our ability to be successful.

To my shock and dismay, I have received intimidating and hateful mail in the past 14 days, unknown to me in my 24 year career in this industry. I, on behalf of the Ottawa Titans Baseball Club, ask that the City take immediate action by any means necessary to remove this encampment from our lot. Furthermore, I ask that the City publicly take responsibility for placing and allowing these events to occur on our lot, without our permission. Please help to disassociate the team from the convoy.

The Ottawa Titans Baseball Club did not invite this activity to our parking lot and would like the City to remove them immediately. We look forward to the City’s immediate action to ensure no further damage or risk of further damages occurs.

Respectfully,

Regan Katz
Vice President, Ottawa Titans Baseball Club

cc Sam Katz – President, Ottawa Titans Baseball Club
cc His Worship, Mayor Jim Watson



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